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John C. Gebler et al.

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For: AROMATIC PHOSPHONIUM SALTS AND  
THEIR USE AS LABELING REAGENTS  
MASS SPECTROMETRY ANALYSIS

Examiner: X. Xu

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 14 of this paper.